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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. KURODA et al
Serial No.: 10/748,139
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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH AN ACTIVE REGION
AND PLURAL DUMMY REGIONS
Group: 2826
Examiner: T. QUACH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS: AMENDMENTS

April 4, 2005

Commissioner For Patents
POB 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the Amendment.